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Wisconsin gains 62 national board certified teachers

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster extended congratulations today to 62 Wisconsin educators who earned national certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

“To attain national certification, these educators engaged in a rigorous assessment of their teaching practice and subject-area knowledge in a process that is designed to demonstrate professional expertise,” Burmaster said. “I want to commend these teachers on their accomplishments and encourage them to mentor other educators in achieving this standard of teaching excellence.”

Wisconsin’s newly nationally certified teachers are among 7,289 who earned the credential nationwide this year. The state now has 329 teachers who hold a 10-year national certificate. Teachers who hold national certification are eligible to apply to become master educators under Wisconsin’s Quality Educator Initiative—PI 34. Additionally, nationally certified teachers can receive up to \$2,000 to reimburse costs associated with earning the certification and nine annual stipends of \$2,500 if they remain employed as educators.

To earn national board certification, teachers complete two kinds of assessments: a classroom-based portfolio of practice and a set of assessment center exercises. The process requires educators to examine every aspect of their practice of teaching. They document their knowledge of the subject they teach, provide evidence that they know how to teach effectively, and demonstrate their ability to manage a classroom and measure student learning. The assessments are based on standards developed by the national board that describe accomplished teaching in particular grade levels and subject areas. The Department of Public Instruction funded a workshop, conducted by Alverno College in Milwaukee, to help educators learn about and prepare for national board certification.

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“I am pleased that the national board continues to support research that documents the importance of quality teaching,” Burmaster said. “Our New Wisconsin Promise seeks to close the achievement gap by ensuring a quality educator in every classroom. National board certification supports our Quality Educator Initiative to recruit, train, and retain dedicated teachers who take joy in student learning and strive to educate all children to their highest potential.”

Evidence from a growing body of research shows that educators who earn national certification use classroom practices that have a positive impact on student achievement. An assessment literacy study, conducted in North Carolina, found that national board certified teachers used classroom assessments that go beyond recording student knowledge to promote student learning. A study of teaching practices, conducted by the Appalachian State University with 64 teachers in 17 states, found that national board certified teachers developed and implemented instructional plans and assignments that fostered deeper student understanding.

National board certification is a voluntary process, described by many educators as “the most important and valuable professional development of their careers.” The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nongovernmental organization. Its mission is to establish standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. It is governed by a board of directors, most of whom are classroom teachers.

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NOTES: A list of Wisconsin teachers earning national board certification in 2005 follows. Additional information about national board certification is available on the Department of Public Instruction website at < <http://dpi.wisconsin.gov/tepd/nb.html> > or by visiting the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards website at < <http://www.nbpts.org> >.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Wisconsin Teachers with National Board Certification – 2005

Lisa Arneson
Weston School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early
and Middle Childhood*

Lori Balkovec
Mequon-Thiensville School District
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Jessica Belich
Wauwatosa School District
Art/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Jeanne Boettcher
Sauk Prairie School District
*World Languages Other than English/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Peggy Bolle
Manitowoc School District
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Jennifer Breezee
De Forest Area School District
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Wendy Brusda
Wauwatosa School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Douglas Bunton
Ladysmith-Hawkins School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Edith Chiappetti
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Susan Cook
Verona Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Michael Cullen
Cedarburg School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

David Doering
Bayfield School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence
through Young Adulthood*

Michael Dreyer
Stoughton Area School District
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Nicholas Ehlinger
River Valley School District
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

Carrie Felde
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Tracie Halfmann
Kimberly Area School District
*School Counseling/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Roger Hatlen
Rhineland School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Elizabeth Howie
Eau Claire Area School District
Science/Early Adolescence

Hilary James
Brown Deer School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Stephen Kennedy
Menomonie School District
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adult

Carrie Ketchem
Beaver Dam School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Lisa Kiefer
Menomonee Falls School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence
through Young Adulthood*

Jean King
Oak Creek-Franklin School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Dana Krejcarek
Kohler School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Andrea Krueger
Cedarburg School District
Music/Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

Robert Kuchta
Chippewa Falls Area School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Faith Lincicum
Waukesha School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Jill Link
Manitowoc School District
*School Counseling/Early Childhood through
Young Adulthood*

Sandra Michels
Green Bay Area School District
English Language Arts/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Jodi Miller
Eau Claire Area School District
Music/Early and Middle Childhood

Joan Miller
Darlington Community School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence
through Young Adulthood*

Alice Monett
Spring Valley School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Rita Mortenson
Verona Area School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence
through Young Adulthood*

Gale Niemczynski
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Rosemary Norton
West Allis School District
*Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and
Middle Childhood*

Suzanne Otte Allen
Johnson Creek School District
Social Studies - History/Early Adolescence

Rose Palmer
Waukesha School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Michelle Parks
Eau Claire Area School District
Mathematics/Early Adolescence

Rose Peters
Marshfield School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Nicol Peters-Freeman
Milwaukee Public Schools
Generalist/Early Childhood

Pamela Pinch
Osceola School District
Social Studies - History/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Michelle Preussler
Manitowoc School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Linda Radke
Milton School District
*World Languages Other than English/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Jennifer Ramsden
Milton School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Rose Riege
Mequon-Thiensville School District
English Language Arts/Early Adolescence

Shirley Rose
Oshkosh Area School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Janet Rowe
Hortonville School District
*World Languages Other than English/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Kathryn Ruhde
Lake Holcombe School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Erich Rutsch
Menomonee Falls School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Connie Schauer
Spencer School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence
through Young Adulthood*

Cynthia Slavish
Beloit School District
Generalist/Middle Childhood

Paul Smith
Oshkosh Area School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Jessica Swemke
Manitowoc School District
*World Languages Other than English/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Lorna Vazquez
Granton Area School District
Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood

Victoria Voelker
Kettle Moraine School District
*Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood
through Young Adulthood*

Gina Wagner
Manitowoc School District
*World Languages Other than English/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Rhonda Watton
Hamilton School District
Social Studies - History/Early Adolescence

Laurie Wiencek
East Troy Community School District
Generalist/Early Childhood

Laura Wilberding
Cuba City School District
*World Languages Other than English/Early
Adolescence through Young Adulthood*

Julie Woletz
Cambridge School District
*Career and Technical Education/Early Adolescence
through Young Adulthood*

Jay Woodard
Waukesha School District
Physical Education/Early and Middle Childhood

Geoffrey Zeidler
Elmbrook School District
Science/Adolescence and Young Adulthood